

## Talking Points for FMCV Meeting

- Region 9 and IHS believe the HAMP regional water system is the best solution to achieve arsenic MCL compliance in First and Second Mesa.
- Completing the HAMP is a very high priority for Region 9 Drinking Water Program.
- Region 9 believes that the HAMP is not a sustainable solution unless it has the full participation of all four public water systems on First and Second Mesas including FMCV.
- Execution of the memorandum of agreements (MOAs) between the village water systems, the Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) and the Hopi Tribe, committing each water system to HAMP participation is crucial to receiving further funding commitments from EPA and IHS (totaling \$6M over two years).
- Three second-mesa villages have executed the MOAs along with the HUC and Tribe.
- Region 9's upcoming funding application deadline is **November 9, 2017** for FY18 funds.
- While the user cost of water will likely increase when the HAMP is fully operational, the operational cost of installing arsenic treatment are higher.
- FMCV does not currently have the technical capacity to operate an arsenic treatment plant.
- Federal Agencies can fund capital costs of water system construction but cannot fund operational costs.
- Region 9 has supported and will continue to support FMCV infrastructure projects. These include:
  - \$1M project to construct a new Water Storage Tank and a new transmission main from the East Tank to the West Tank (will be constructed in 2018)
  - \$308k project to construct new water storage tank at mesa top and replace insulated pipe on cliff face and new 4" transmission mains. (completed in 2015)